

One interesting thing about the early William Hartnell stories is the different ways the two female companions misbehave. Susan makes rash and impulsive decisions and they go wrong, so that she winds up in danger or loses the TARDIS or whatever. Hence she deserves a good spanking from time to time. It is harder to think of a mature woman like Barbara needing the same treatment, but she does make mistakes and they are usually big ones! Look at 'Planet of Giants' where she gets the insecticide on her hands and then never does the obvious thing which is to tell someone what has happened! Susan makes spankable mistakes in the heat of the moment, but with Barbara wrongdoing is so much more *deliberate*, something she persists with even when she has been told the error of her ways. That is the key to the latest Spanking Adventure: 'The Aztecs'.

We pick up the story when the Doctor calls Barbara on her bigtime mistake: the Doctor insists that she cannot rewrite a single line of history, but Barbara is determined to use her newfound status as a goddess to abolish human sacrifice and save the Aztecs. 'What you are trying to do is utterly impossible,' the Doctor insists, but she will not see reason. 'My mind's made up,' she declares, and he retorts, 'Then I shall have to find a way of unmaking it for you. Now I ask you one last time: will you give up this irresponsible scheme of yours?' Barbara shakes her head firmly, and in a trice she is face down across his knee.

Barbara lies there astonished: there is something weirdly surreal about it all. She knows exactly what's about to happen – as a strict schoolmistress, she has plenty experience dealing with naughty schoolgirls, most recently Susan – but now the tables are turned and she's back in a position she hasn't occupied since she was a schoolgirl herself.

For his part, the Doctor hesitates a millisecond: he has never before spanked anyone but his own granddaughter, and wonders briefly about the proprieties. But he knows he must not show weakness: it is all-important that history be preserved from Barbara's meddling. He'll treat her exactly as he would do Susan in this situation. Resolutely he reaches down, grasps the hem of Barbara's newly acquired saffron dress and pulls it right up. Underneath she still wears her own full black panties, the silk crimping around the top, gathered in by the elastic of the waistband, rising over the swell of her bottom before descending to an inchwide frill of white lace at the lower edge. The Doctor raises his arm, and swings his open palm down with a crack. The impact makes her bottom wobble and knocks a shocked yelp from her mouth.

As the spanking continues, Barbara gets a grip on herself. She bites her lower lip, determined not to make any more noise that will bring the priests running to see what is happening to their god. The Doctor paddles her panties for a full two minutes: by the end, her bottom is stinging and the temple's stone floor is wet with involuntary tears. But when he releases her and she rises unsteadily to her feet, it is with a set look of defiance: 'They've made me a goddess,' she declares, to the Doctor's dismay. It seems the spanking has only made her more determined: 'This is the beginning of the end of the sun god!'

Now we cut to episode 3, after Susan has refused to become the bride of sacrifice. Autloc sadly explains to Barbara that Susan has disobeyed the wish of the Perfect Victim and spoken against all the customs of the Aztec people, and is to be publicly flogged, then blinded with thorns. Barbara remonstrates with him over such savagery, and gets the answer, 'Will you sacrifice us to save your handmaiden pain?' But in my version the scene doesn't end there. Barbara retorts: 'Will you ask mercy of the gods, yet show none yourselves?' The argument impresses Autloc, but still he hesitates. Fond of Aztec culture, Barbara makes her next move: she acknowledges that Susan has been disrespectful to the Aztecs and does deserve to be punished. But she will learn no respect from a punishment so harsh that it will leave her blind and maimed. Autloc is unfamiliar with the idea that punishment should teach the recipient a lesson; Susan is to be punished not for her own good but as the just retribution of the Aztec people. He is intrigued by the idea of showing mercy in order to be worthy of mercy; yet justice must be seen to be done.

Barbara seizes her opportunity. Instead of a flogging, the ceremony will begin with Susan turned over the Doctor's knee and soundly spanked in front of the entire Aztec nation. Autloc is doubtful: will Yetaxa's aged servant have the strength of arm to mete out true justice? So Barbara takes a risk: 'My servants have strength beyond that of ordinary men,' she assures the High Priest, reminding him of how her younger servant defeated Ixta using only his thumb. The Doctor will spank Susan with his full hand; and, to show there is no trickery or deceit, Susan's panties will be taken down before the spanking, and the people will see her bare bottom turn red.

Autloc is satisfied, and agrees to make the arrangements. Susan will make history: she is to be the first person ever to be spanked atop a Mexican pyramid!

Except that she isn't, of course: the Doctor manages to get the tomb open and the travellers flee as the ceremony of sacrifice is about to start. But this doesn't mean Susan's out of trouble. Back in the TARDIS, Ian goes off to clean himself up, and the Doctor chooses his moment to administer a good talking-to. In Barbara's presence he catechizes his granddaughter about the importance of respect for other people's cultures. Through her silly behavior she put herself in serious danger and caused them all a lot of worry. What she needs is a spanking. And that's exactly what she gets: the Doctor puts her across his knee, lifts her skirt to reveal yellow panties embroidered with a sinuous tracery of black lines, and trimmed with frothy white lace. He proceeds to spank her ample, vibrating bottom. Barbara watches with approval. Then, as the Doctor lets the squirming girl up, the schoolteacher says she can think herself lucky: if they hadn't got away when they did, she would not have been allowed the protection of her panties, but would have been spanked on her bare bottom in front of everyone. Susan beats a hasty retreat, ruefully rubbing the seat of her panties.

When they are alone, the Doctor looks Barbara in the eye. Barbara finds his stare uncomfortably direct. 'I rarely spank on the bare skin,' he

tells her. 'Only when the misdemeanor is repeated after a warning.' And with that, he turns the protesting schoolteacher over his knee and raises her skirts high. 'You wouldn't listen to me when I told you it was fruitless to attempt to change the course of history, and look at all the trouble you caused us! That is why this is going to be a very well deserved spanking indeed.' With that, he pulls down her black panties and begins to administer a very sound bare bottom spanking. This time, Barbara howls.